AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 3 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

In US-P-5879714 a drug and a water insoluble polymer are mixed into a molten carrier, preferably water-soluble. The only example provided in this patent consists in melting PEG 8000 at 120°C and dispersing nifedipine, stearic acid and Eudragit RSPO in it. After cooling, the solidified mixture is ground into granules. Heat sensitivity of many drugs seems ~~is~~ to be a major concern when considering applying the process thereto. Absence of food effect is not disclosed but it is indicated that hydrophilic matrix systems are said to be more likely to induce food effect than the disclosed formulation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The gastroresistant polymer withstands the acidic medium of the stomach and the duodenum, but will dissolve in the intestines, as soon as the pH reaches a predetermined level (e.g. above 5.5 or above 7). This gastroresistant polymer can be selected from the group consisting in (uncured) poly(meth)acrylic acid, cellulose and alkylcellulose-phtalates. Molecular weight can vary within broad limits as will be recognized by the skilled man. The term "uncured" is used to differentiate over US-P-5580578.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 4 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The functional coating may further comprise polyethyleneglycol, present in an amount from 5 to 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the functional coating. Stearic acid,

dibutyl sebacate, propylene glycol and/or triethyl citrate can be used in lieu of or in addition to polyethyleneglycol.